Anno. xiiij. Reginæ Elizabethe.

¶At the parliament begunne and holden

at Westminster the eyght of Maye, in the. xiiij. yere of the raigne of our most gratious soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of Englande, Fraunce, and Ireland Queene, defendour of the fayth. &c. and there continued vntyll the last of June folowyng. To the hygh pleasure of almightie God, and the weale publique of this Realme, were enacted as foloweth.

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The Table.

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12 An Acte for the repeale of a statute made Anno. viii. of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, touching the Towne of Shrewesburie.

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An Act for the punishment of suche as shall rebelliously take or detayne, or conspire to take or detaine from the Queenes Maiestie, any of her Castles, Towres, Fortresses, Holdes, &c.

Chapter. j.

FOR the better auoyding of all suche vnlawfull practises, secrete conspiracies, and deuises, as lately haue bene stirred and moued by some euil disposed persons, agaynst our most gratious Soueraigne Lady the Queene, in seeking by false conspiracies, and vndue meanes, to surprise and take from her Maiestie some of her Castles, Towres, Fortresses, Shippes, Ordinaunces, Artyllarie, and other munitions of warre: be it enacted by the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that yf any person or persons whatsoeuer, at anye tyme hereafter do within this Realme, or els where, vnlawfully, & of his or their owne auctoritie compasse, imagine, conspire, practise, or deuise, by any wayes or meanes, with force, or by any craft, deuise, or sleyght, malitiously, and rebelliously, to take, or to detayne, or keepe from our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, any of her Castles, Towres, Fortresses, or holdes, or malitiously and rebelliously to rase, burne, or destroy any Castle, Bulwercke, or Forte, or any part of them, hauyng any munition or ordinaunce of the Queenes Maiesties therein, or appoynted to be garded with any souldiers for defence thereof within this Realme, or within any of her Maiesties Dominions or countreys, or the marches of the same, and the same compasses, imaginations, practises, conspiracies, or deuises, or

any of them, shal, and do aduisedly by any expresse wordes, speach, acte, deede, or writing, expresse, vtter, or declare, for any the malitious and rebellious intentes aforesayde: that then euery suche person and persons, so hereafter offending in any the premisses, their aydours, counsellours, comforters, consentours, and abettours, knowyng thereof, beyng thereof lawfully conuicted accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, shalbe iudged a felon, and felons, and that euery suche offence shalbe iudged to be felonie, and the offendour and offendours therin, their sayde aydours, comforters, counsellours, and abettours, beyng thereof lawfully conuicted, shall haue and suffer paynes of death, as in cases of felonie, without hauyng any benefite of Cleargie or Sanctuarie, and also shall forfayte and lose all his goodes and catteles, landes and tenementes, as in other cases of felonie hath benne vsed and accustomed.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, do at any tyme hereafter with force, maliciously and rebelliously detayne, keepe, or withholde, from the Queenes Maiestie, any of her Castles, Towres, Fortresses, or Holdes, within this Realme, or within any her Maiesties dominions or Countreys, or Marches of the same: or do malitiously, rebelliously, and with force detayne, keepe, or withholde from her Maiestie, any of her Shippes, Ordinaunce, Artillarie, or other munitions, or fortifications of warres, and do not render & geue vp the same to our sayde soueraigne Lady, or to suche person as her Maiestie shall appoynt to receaue the same to her Maiesties vse, within syxe dayes next after he or they so offendyng, shalbe commaunded by our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queene, by open proclamations vnder the great Seale of England, to be made in any place or market Towne within the Countie where any such offence shalbe committed: or shall wylfully, malitiously, and rebelliously, burne or destroy, or cause to be burned or destroyed, any of the Queenes shippes: or malitiously, & rebelliously barre, or cause to be barred any hauen within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions: that then euery such person and persons so offendyng, their aydours, counsellours, and abettours, being therof lawfully conuict, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, shalbe adiudged traytours, and their offences in any the premisses, shalbe accepted, iudged, and taken for high treason, & the offendours therein, their aydours, counsellours, and abettours, beyng therof lawfully conuict according to the lawes of this Realme, shal haue and suffer suche paynes of death, and also shall forfayte and lose,

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as in cases of high treason is limited and accustomed. This acte to endure duryng the Queenes Maiesties lyfe that nowe is, onely.

An acte agaynst suche as shal conspire or practise the enlargement of any prisoner, committed for hygh treason.

Chapter.ij.

Forasmuche as great daunger may ensue to the Queenes Maiesties person, and great trouble to the state of the Realme, by vnlawfull conspiracies, deuises, and imaginations, to enlarge and set at libertie suche persons, as be, or shalbe committed to any prison, garde, or custodie, for any treason, touchyng the royall person of our sayde soueraigne Lady, agaynst whiche deuises, conspiracies, and imaginations, sufficient remedie by the lawes of this Realme, hath not ben heretofore had, ne prouided, vnlesse the same conspiracies, imaginations, and deuises, were executed and brought to effect: Be it therefore enacted by our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons, at any time after the ende of this present session of Parliament, shall imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or goe about vnlawfully and malitiously, to enlarge, or set at libertie, any person or persons, committed, or to be committed to any prison, garde, or custodie, by her hyghnesse especiall commaundement for any treason, or suspition of treason, concernyng the person of our sayd soueraigne Lady the Queene,

before any inditement of suche person, so sought or intended to be set at large, or libertie, as is aforesayde, & the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse wordes, writyng, or other matter, or act, expressely, or manifestly, set forth, vtter, or declare: that then euery person so offendyng, shall incurre the penaltie and forfayture of misprision of treason, and that all and euery offence and offences to be committed and donne, as is aforesayde, shalbe deemed and taken for misprision of treason.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after thende of this present session of Parliament, shal imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or go about vnlawfully and malitiously, to enlarge, or set at libertie, any person or persons, committed, or to be committed to any prison, gard, or custodie, beyng, or whiche hereafter shalbe indicted of any treason, in any wyse concernyng the person of our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse wordes, writing, or other matter, or acte, expressely or manifestly, set fooryth, vtter, or declare: that then euery suche person so offendyng, shalbe deemed and adiudged a felon, and suffer, lose, and forfayte, as in cases of felonie, by the dewe course of the lawes of this Realme.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, at any tyme after thende of this present session of Parliament, shal imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or go about vnlawfully and malitiously to enlarge, or set at libertie any person or persons, beyng committed to any prison, garde, or custodie, after the same person or persons, is, or shalbe attainted or conuicted of any treason, in any wyse concernyng the royal person of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse wordes, writing, matter, or acte, as is aforesayde, set fooryth, vtter, or declare: that then euery such person so offending, shalbe deemed, and adiudged an hygh traytour, and shal suffer, lose, and forfayte, as in cases of hygh treason by the lawes and statutes of this Realme. This acte to endure duryng the Queenes Maiesties lyfe that nowe is, onely.

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An acte agaynſt the forging and counterfayting of forraigne coygne, beyng not currant within this Realme.

Chapter. iij.

Forasmuch as by the lawes or ſtatutes of this Realme, ſmall or no condigne puniſhment is at this tyme prouided for ſuche euyl diſpoſed perſons, as ſhall counterfayte, or forge ſuche kynde of golde or ſyluer of other Realmes, as is not the proper coygne of this Realme, nor currant in payment within this Realme: by reaſon whereof, diuers euyl diſpoſed perſons, aſwel without this Realme, as within, are encouraged and boldened dayly to counterfayte or forge ſuche kynde of golde and ſiluer, and vtter the ſame in this Realme, in great diſceit of her Mateſties ſubiectes. Be it enacted by our ſayd ſoueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by thaucthoritie of the ſame, that if any perſon or perſons, hereafter falſely forge or counterfayte any ſuche kynde of coygne of gold or ſiluer, as is not ꝑ proper coygne of this Realme, nor permitted to be currant within this Realme: that then euery ſuche offence ſhalbe deemed and iudged miſpriſion of hygh treaſon, and the offendours therein, their procurers, aydours, and abettours, being conuict accordyng to the lawes of this Realme of ſuche offences, ſhalbe impriſoned, and forfayte ſuche landes, goodes, and chattelles, as in caſes of miſpriſion of treaſon, for conceilement of hygh treaſon.

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An act to reuiue a ſtatute made Anno primo of the Queenes Maieſties raigne, inhibiting the caryng of leather, tallowe, and rawe hydes out of the Realme.

Chapter.iiij.

*Here in the Parliament be-*gunne at weſtminſter the.xxiii. day of Januarie, in the firſt yere of the raigne of our ſoueraigne Lady the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, ther was one very good acte and ſtatute made prohibiting the tranſportyng and carying of leather, rawe hydes, and tallowe out of this Realme, entituled, An act, that the conueying of leather, tallowe, or rawe hydes out of the Realme for marchaundiſe, ſhalbe felonie: whiche acte and ſtatute was made to continue but for a certayne tyme, & nowe is expired and determined for want of cõtinuaunce at the laſt Parliament. And foraſmuche as by experience it hath well appeared, that ſince the determination of the ſayde good lawe and ſtatute, there hath ben, and yet dayly is ſuche great tranſportation of leather, rawe hydes, and tallowe out of this Realme, that therby great ſcarſitie and dearth thereof is nowe growen amonges the Queenes Maieſties moſt louing and obedient ſubiectes, and ſpecially amonges thoſe of the pooreſt ſort, who are nowe compelled to pay for their bootes and ſhoes almoſt double the price that they dyd before the determination of the ſayde good lawe and ſtatute. For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, with thaſſent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that the ſayd acte and ſtatute made in the ſayd Parliament, begunne the ſayde.xxiii. day of Januarie, in the ſayd firſt yeere, entituled as is beforeſayde, and al and euery braunche, article,

article, clause, and sentence therein contayned, shall from and after the feast day of saint Bartholomewe thapostle next comming, be reuyued, and stande & be in full force and effect, for, and duryng the space of seuen yeres then next folowyng, and also after the end of the sayde seuen yeres, then to thende of the next Parliament, next folowing the end and determination of the sayd seuen yeres, any thyng heretofore had, made, or done, or suffered to the contrary thereof, notwithstandyng.

An Acte for the punishment of vacabondes, and for the releefe of the poore and impotent.

Chapter. v.

WHere all the partes of this Realme of Englande and Wales, be presently with roges, vacabondes, & sturdie beggers exceedyngly pestred, by meanes whereof dayly happeneth in the same Realme horrible murders, theftes, & other great outrages, to the hygh displeasure of almightie GOD, and to the great anoy of the common weale: and for auoydyng confusion by reason of nũbers of lawes, concernyng the premisses, standyng in force togeather: be it enacted, that the statute made in the .xxii. yere of the raigne of the late kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte concernyng aged, poore and impotent persons, compelled to lyue by almes, howe they shalbe ordered, and howe vacabondes & myghtie strong beggers shalbe punished: and one other act, entituled, An act touching the punishment of vacabondes, and other idle persons, made in the third & fourth yeres of the raigne of the late kyng Edward the .vi. and one other acte made in the fifth yere of the raigne of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, entituled, An acte

acte for the releefe of the poore, and euery braunche, article, clause, and sentence in them, and euery of them conteyned, shalbe from and after the feast of Saint Bartholomewe thapostle next commyng, vtterly voyde, frustrate, and of none effect.

Be it also enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, aswell for the vtter suppressyng of the sayd outragious enimies to the common weale, as for the charitable reliening of the aged and impotent poore people, in maner & fourme folowyng. First, that all and euery person & persons, whatsoeuer they be, beyng aboue the age of fourteene yeres, beyng hereafter set foorth by this acte of Parliament to be roges, vacaboundes, or sturdie beggers, and be at any time after the feast of S. Bartholomewe thapostle next commyng taken begging in any part of this Realme, or taken vagrant, wandryng, and misorderyng them selues contrarie to the purport of this present act of parliament, in any part of the same, shal vpon their apprehencion, be brought before one of the Justices of the peace, or Maior, or cheefe Officer of Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, within the Countie, Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate where the apprehencion shal happen to be, and by the sayd Justice or head officer to be presently committed to the common gaole of the sayde Countie, beyng apprehended within the Countie, or els suche other place as by the Justices of peace of that Countie, or three of them, at any their generall sessions shalbe appoynted: and if he be taken within any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, then to be committed to the prison of the said Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, there to remayne without bayle or maynprise vntyll the next sessions of the peace, or general gaole deliuerie for the sayde Shire, Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, to be holden, whiche shall first happen: and the Constables, or other officers, for the conueying of suche roge or vacabounde by commaundement of the sayde Justices, to haue suche reasonable charges for them selues and the prisoner, from time to tyme, borne by the parishe or parishes where the sayde roge or vacabounde shall happen to be taken, as to the discretion of the Justices of peace present at the next assises, or at the sessions of the peace then next kept within the limit where the prisoner is apprehended, shal seeme conuenient. At which sessions or gaole deliuerie, if suche person or persons be duely conuict of his or her rogishe or vacaboundes trade of life, either by inquest of office, or by the testimonie of two honest & credible witnesses vpō their othes: that then immediatly he or she shalbe adiudged to be greeuously whipped, and burnt through the gristle of the ryght eare, with a

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hot iron of the compasse of an inche about, manifesting his or her rogishe kynde of lyfe, and his or her punishment receaued for the same, whereof entrie shalbe made of Recorde by the Clarke of the peace of the same Shire, in the recordes of the same sessions, whiche iudgement shall also presently be executed, except some honest person, valued at the last subsidie next before that tyme to fiue pounndes in goodes, or twentie shyllynges in landes, or els some such honest householder, as by the Justices of the peace of the same Countie, or two of them shalbe allowed, wyll of his charitie be contented presently to take such offendour before the same Justices into his seruice for one whole yere next folowyng, and to that ende, wyll presently before the sayd Justices, enter into bande by recognisaunce to thuse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, to pay to our sayde soueraigne Lady, the summe of fyue poundes, if he keepeth not the sayde offendour in his seruice by the space of the sayde whole yere, and to bring hym or her vnto the sessions at the yeeres ende, or then good proofe of his or her death duryng the sayde yere, the sayde Clarke of the peace, takyng for the sayde recognisaunce but. xii.d. onely. And if suche roge or vacabounde so taken into seruice, depart within the sayde yere from the sayde seruice, agaynst the wyl of hym that so taketh hym or her into seruice: that then suche roge or vacabounde, shalbe whypped and burnt through the gristle of the right eare with a hot iron, as is afore sayde.

Prouided alwayes neuertheless, that yf the sayde person so committed, or to be committed, come before the next sessions of the peace, or the next gaole deliuerie to be holden for the sayde Countie, or before their committyng, and do fynde any suche suretie as is next before recited, to be bounde in fourme aforesaid, for hym or her for one whole yere: then the sayde person shal not tarrie in the gaole tyll the next sessions, or tyll the next gaole deliuerie.

And be it further enacted, that the sayde person or persons so marked or adiudged to be burnt, as afore sayde, shall not be dealt withal againe by way of punishmēt by the space of fourtie dayes next after the sayde punishment executed, or adiudged to be burnt as is afore sayde, yf he or she haue license for the sayde fourtie dayes from two Justices of the peace of the same Shire, testifyeing the punishment receaued, or iudgement geuen: but if after the sayde punishment executed, or iudgement geuen, the sayde person or persons so marked or hauyng receaued suche iudgement, do after threescore dayes next after he, she, or they, shall so be marked,

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eyther in the same Countie where he or she was so marked, or hauyng receaued such iudgement, or els in any other Countie within the sayde Realme of Englande or Wales, beyng of the age of eyghteene yeeres or aboue, do ettsones fal agayne to any kynde of rogishe or vacaboundes trade of lyfe: that then the sayde roge, vacabounde, or sturdie begger, from thencefoorth to be taken, adiudged and deemed in all respectes as a felon, and shall in all degrees receaue, haue, suffer, and forfayte as a felon, except some honest person valued at the last Subsidie next before that tyme to tenne poundes in goodes, or fourtie shyllynges in landes, or els some suche honest houlholder, as by the Justices of the peace of the same Countie, or two of them shalbe allowed, of mere charitie wyll be contented before suche Justices, as the sayde vacabounde is or shalbe arraigned of felonie, to take him or her into his seruice for two whole yeres then next folowing, and then before the same Justices, wyll then presently put in bonde by recognisaunce of ten poundes, to be leuyed of his landes, tenementes, goodes, and tattels, to thuse of our sayd souereigne Lady, if he keepeth not the sayde offendour in his seruice for two whole yeres, and bring him or her vnto the sessions at the sayde two yeres ende, or good proofe of his or her deth. And if suche roge or vacabounde so taken into seruice, depart within the same two yeres from his or her said seruice, agaynst the wyll of hym that so tooke hym or her into seruice: that then suche roge or vacabounde, shalbe taken, adiudged, and deemed as a felon in al respectes, and shal in al degrees, haue, suffer, and forfayte as a felon, without allowaunce or benefite of Cleargie or Sanctuarie. And if suche roge or vacabounde, after fourtie dayes next after he or she shalbe two seuerall tymes taken into seruice, as is aforesayde, do eyther in the sayd Countie, or els where ettsones the thirde tyme fal agayne to a kynde of rogishe or vacabounde trade of life: that then such roge or vacabounde shalbe adiudged and deemed for a felon, and suffer paynes of death, and forfeit of landes and goodes as a felon, without allowaunce or benefite of Cleadge or Sanctuarie.

And for the ful expressing what person and persons shalbe intended within this braunche to be roges, vacaboundes, and sturdie beggers, to haue and receaue the punishment aforesayde, for the sayde lewde maner of lyfe: it is nowe publyshed, declared and set forth by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery suche person and persons, that be or bitter them selues to be Proctours or Procuratours, goyng in or about any Countrey or Countreys within this Realme,

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without sufficient aucthoritie, derived from, or vnder our soueraigne Ladye the Queene: and all other ydle persons goyng about in any Countrey of the sayde Realme, vsyng subtyll, craftie, and vnlawfull games or playes, and some of them faygnyng them selues to haue knowledge in Phisnomie, Palmestrie, or other abused sciences, whereby they beare the people in hande they can tell theyr destenies, deathes, and fortunes, and suche other lyke fantasticall imaginations: and all and euerye person and persons, beyng whole and myghtie in body, and able to labour, hauyng not lande or maister, nor vsyng any lawfull marchaundize, craft, or mysterie, whereby he or she myght get his or her lyuyng, and can geue no reckonyng howe he or she doth lawfully get his or her liuing: and al fencers, beare wardes, common players in enterludes, and minstrelles, not belongyng to anye Baron of this Realme, or towardes any other honourable personage of greater degree, all iuglers, pedlers, tynkers, and petie chapmen: whiche sayde fencers, beare wardes, common players in enterludes, minstrels, iuglers, pedlers, tynkers, and petie chapmen, shal wander abroade, and haue not licence of two Justices of the peace at the leaste, whereof one to be of the Quorum, where and in what Shire they shal happen to wander: and al common labourers, beyng persons able in bodye, vsyng loytering, and refusyng to worke for suche reasonable wages as is tared, and commonly geuen in suche partes where suche persons do or shal happen to dwel: and al counterfeytures of licences, pasports, and al vsers of the same, knowyng the same to be counterfeyte: and all scollers of the Vniuersities of Oxforde or Cambridge, that go about beggyng, not being aucthorised vnder the seale of the sayde Vniuersities, by the Commissarie, Chauncelour, or vice Chauncelour of the same: and all shippemen, pretendyng losses by Sea, other then suche as shalbe hereafter prouided for: and all persons deliuered out of gaoles, that begge for theyr fees, or do trauayle to theyr Countreys or freendes, not hauyng licence from two Justices of the peace of the same Countie where he or she was deliuered: shalbe taken, adiudged, and deemed roges, vacaboundes, and sturdie beggers, intended of by this present acte, together with al and euery suche other person and persons, as shalbe hereafter for alteryng and breakyng of suche good orders as in the seconde parte of this present acte shalbe established for the releefe of the aged and impotent poore people, set foorth and declared to be vacaboundes.

And further be it enacted, that yf any person or persons, after

the sayde feaste of saint Bartholomewe, geue any harborough, money, or lodging, or any other releefe to any roge, vacabounde, or sturdie begger, eyther marked as before, or not marked, not hauing suche a licence, as is before recited, from two Justices of the peace then in continuaunce, and that duely proued before the Justices of the peace at theyr quarter sessions: shall make suche fine to the Queenes Maiestie, as by the discretions of the sayde Justices, or the more part of them, at theyr generall sessions shalbe assessed, so as the same exceede not twentie shyllynges. And also yf any person or persons do disturbe or let the execution of this act in any maner of wyse, or make rescusse against any Maior, Sheriffe, Bayliffe, or other person, that shal endeuour hym selfe, for, or about the due execution hereof, shal forfeite & lose fiue poundes, and ouer that, shall haue imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte, nor anye thing herein conteyned, shal extende to make any person or persons accessarie, or accessaries to the sayd felonies made by this statute, nor that any attaynder by any the felonies aforesayd, shal worke or be any corruption of blood in the issues or line of the person attainted.

Prouided also, that it shalbe styl lawful to al maisters and gouernours of the Hospitalles, to lodge or harbour anye impotent or aged person or persons of charitie or almes, according to theyr foundation, and to geue money in almes, in as large manner as they are bounde to do by theyr foundation, to anye suche aged or impotent person: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that shipmen, and souldiers, hauing licence of the next two Justices of the peace to the place where they first happened to lande, or where they firste entred into this Realme, shal and may passe accordyng to the purporte of their licence, and intent of this acte of Parliament: anye thyng herein conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Be it also further prouided, that no licence recited in this statute, shall geue anye maner libertie, or be of any maner force, but only in the Shire whereof the graunter or graunters of suche licence shalbe Justice or Justices of peace. Wherfore yf the said partie licenced, wil haue any further passage, without the daunger of this lawe, then the Shire where his first licence is graunted, it shalbe behoueful for him to procure and get in euery other Shire where he intendeth to passe, one other licence from two Justices of the peace of the sayde Shire, and so from Shire to Shire, to

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the ende of his iourney. Be it also prouided, that this act, nor any thing therein conteyned, do in any wyse extende to any Cockers, or harueſt folkes, that trauayle into any Countrey of this realme for harueſt worke, eyther corne harueſt, or hay harueſt, if they do worke and labour accordingly, neither yet to any that happeneth to be robbed or ſpoyled by the way, neither yet to any ſeruing men that be of honeſt behauiour, that be turned from their maiſters, or whoſe maiſter or maiſtreſſe ſhalbe dead, for the ſpace of fyue monethes next after ſuch turnyng away, or death of ſuche maiſter or maiſtreſſe, ſo as euery ſuche ſeruing man hath a teſtimonial from his maiſter or maiſtreſſe, or from two Juſtices of the peace of the ſame Countie, declaryng ſuche turnyng away, or ſuche death of his maiſter or maiſtreſſe.

Prouided alwayes, that it ſhalbe lawful to the lorde Chauncelour, or lorde keper of the great ſeale of Englande for the tyme beyng, to make licenſe vnder the ſayd great ſeale, as heretofore hath ben accuſtomed, and that the ſayde licenſe and licenſes, ſhall as largely extende as the contentes of them wyl beare: any thyng herein to the contrary in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that this preſent acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, ſhal not extende to make fruſtrate or voyde any ſalfe conduicte, paſport, or licence, made and graunted, or to be made and graunted by the Lorde Deputie of Irelande, or by the Lorde gouernour of the Townes and Gariſons of Barwyke, or Carliſle, for the tyme beyng, or any other cheefe captayne or gouernour of any Caſtle or foortreſſe of the Queenes Maieſties, or by any other in his or theyr abſence hauyng the charge of the ſayde Townes and Gariſons, or by any the Guardians of the three Marches towardes Scotlande, or by any Generall, Lieuetenaunt, or other cheefe officer appoynted by the Queenes Maieſtie to haue the charge and conduction of any armie, Gariſon, or power of men, leuied or to be leuied by her hyghneſſe order, and appoyntment, and for the ſpecial ſeruice and affayres of her Maieſtie, her heires, or ſucceſſours, or by any priuate captayne vppon the diſperſyng of any armie, only to any ſouldiour or ſouldiours, or any other perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, within this her Realmes of Englande and Irelande, paſſing by vertue thereof about his or theyr lawfull buſineſſe and affayres: but that he or they ſhall and may quietly without any let or diſturbaunce, enioy the benefite, effect, and true meanyng thereof, in as large and ample manner and fourme, as heretofore it hath ben vſed and accuſtomed: any thyng

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in this present acte mentioned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this present acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extende to the punishment of any suche person or persons, as by this statute are limitted for roges, vnlesse the same be of the age of foureteene yeres or aboue, but that they and euery of them vnder that age, shalbe punished with whipping or stockyng, as heretofore hath ben vsed and appoynted by the lawes and statutes in that case prouided, & nowe repealed: this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary hereof in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf within anye towne or parishe, where anye suche vacabounde or roge shall happen to begge, or make his abode, contrary to the fourme of this statute, yf the Constable or Tything men be negligent, and do not his or their best endeuour for the apprehension of suche vacabounde or roge, whiche there shal begge or make abode, contrary to the fourme in this statute limitted, or shall wylfully suffer the sayd vacabounde or roge to escape from the punishment or order in this statute prescribed: that then the sayde Constable or Tything man in whom suche default shalbe, shall lose and forfaite for euery suche vacabounde and vagrant person, that shalbe suffered to begge, or make abode within his auctoritie, contrary to the fourme of this statute. vi.s.viii.d. And for as muche as charitie would, that poore, aged, and impotent persons shonlde as necessaryly be prouided for, as the sayde roges, vacaboundes and sturdie beggers repressed, and that the saide aged, impotent and poore people should haue conuenient habitations and abiding places throughout this realme to settle them selues vpon, to the ende that they, nor anye of them shoulde hereafter begge, or wander about: It is therefore enacted by thy auctoritis of this present Parliament, that the Justices of peace of al and singuler the Shires of Englande and Wales, within the limits of their commissions, and al other Justices of the peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers of al and euery Citie, Borough, Rydyng, and Franchises within this Realme, whereof they be Justices at peace within the limittes of their auctoritie, shall at, or before the sayde feaste of saint Bartholomewe nexte comming, diuide them selues, and so beyng diuided, shall within euery of their seuerall diuisions and auctorities, make diligent searche and inquirie of al aged, poore, impotent, and decayed persons, borne within their sayde diuisions and limittes, or whiche

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were there dwellyng within three yeres next before this present Parliament, whiche lyue, or of necessitie be compelled to lyue by almes, of the charitie of the people, that be or shalbe abiding within the limittes of theyr commissions and auctho*r*ities: and shall vpon that searche made, make a register booke conteynyng the names & surnames of all suche aged, decayed, and impotent poore people, as be within theyr sayd limittes and auctho*r*ities, which shall alwayes remayne with the sayde Justices, Maiors, Bayliffes, or other head officers, or anye one of them. And when the number of the sayde poore people forced to lyue vppon almes, be by that meanes truely knowen, then the sayde Justices, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers, shall within like conuenient tyme, deuise and appoynt within euery theyr sayde seuerall diuisions, meete and conuenient places by theyr discretions, to settle the same poore people for their habitations and abidinges, yf the parishe within the whiche they shalbe founde, shall not, or wyl not prouide for them, and shall also within lyke conuenient tyme, number all the sayde poore people within theyr sayde seuerall limittes: and therevpon (hauyng regarde to the number) set downe what portion the weekely charge towards the relefe and sustentation of the sayde poore people wyl amount vnto, within euery their sayde seuerall diuisions and limittes: and that donne, they the sayde Justices, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers, within euery their seuerall commissions, auctho*r*ities, diuisions, and limittes, shal by their good discretions tax and assesse all and euery the inhabitauntes dwelling in al and euery Citie, Borough, Towne, Village, Hamlet, and place knowen within the sayde limittes and diuisions, to suche weekely charge, as they and euery of them shall weekely contribute towardes the releefe of the sayde poore people: and the names of all suche inhabitauntes taxed, shall also enter into the sayde register booke together with their taxation: and also shall by their discretion, within euery their sayde diuisions and limittes, appoynt or see Collectours for one whole yeere to be appoynted of the sayde weekely portion, whiche shall collect & geather the sayd proportion, and make deliuerie of so muche therof, accordyng to the discretion of the sayde Justices, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers to the sayde poore people, as the saide Justices, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers shall appoynt them: And also shall appoynt ouerseers of the saide poore people by their discretions, to continue also for one whole yeere: and yf they doo refuse to be ouerseers, then euery of them so refusing, to forfayte

tenne shillinges for euery suche default.

And be it further enacted by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*esayde, that the Maio*r* of the Citie of London, and the Maio*r*s, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other head officers of euery other Citie, Bo*r*ough, o*r* Towne co*r*po*r*ate, o*r* his o*r* they*r* sufficient deputie o*r* deputies within their Cities, Bo*r*oughes, and Townes co*r*po*r*ate, and the Constables o*r* Tything men of all and euery Hundred, Rape, and Wapentake, within all and euery the sayde shy*r*es in Englande and Wales, in al and euery suche abydyng place and places within they*r* hundredes, limittes, and p*r*ecinctes, as shalbe appoynted to settle the poo*r*e people in, shal once euery moneth next after the sayde places so appoynted be inhabited with the sayde poo*r*e people, acco*r*dyng to the intent of this p*r*esent acte of Parliament, make a viewe and searche of al the aged, impotent, and lame persons within the p*r*ecinct of their iurisdictions: and all suche person and persons as they shall finde not beyng bo*r*ne within that diuision, no*r* within the sayde Cities, Bo*r*oughes, o*r* Townes co*r*po*r*ate, then shal they p*r*esently see the same poo*r*e people not there bo*r*ne, no*r* d'wellyng within the sayd three yeeres (except le*p*rous people, and bedd*r*ed people) to be conueyed on ho*r*sebacke, in carte, o*r* otherwyse, as shall seeme best to their discretions, to the next Constable, and so from Constable to Constable the directest way, till the sayde person and persons be b*r*ought to the place where he o*r* she was bo*r*ne, o*r* moste conuersaunt by the space of three yeeres next before, and there to be put in the abiding place, o*r* one of the abydyng places in that Countrey appoynted, o*r* to be appoynted for the habitation of the poo*r*e people of that countrey, there to be p*r*ouided, kept, and nourished of almes, as is afo*r*esayde, vpon payne of twentie shillinges euery the sayde officer that neglecting.

And be it further enacted by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*esayde, that yf any of the sayde poo*r*e people, vpon the appoyntment of the sayde Iustices o*r* other officers, refuse to be bestowed in any of the sayde abydyng places before mentioned, but couet stil to holde on their trade of begging: o*r* after they be once bestowed in the sayde abydyng place o*r* places, doo depart and begge: then the sayde person and persons so offending, for the first offence to be accompted a roge o*r* bacabounde, and to suffer as a roge o*r* bacabounde in the first degree of pounishment set fo*r*th by this acte, in all poyntes: And yf he, she, o*r* they doo the seconde tyme offend, then to be esteemed as a roge o*r* bacabound, & to suffer as a roge o*r* bacabound in the last degree of punishment set fo*r*th by this act, in al poyntes.

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And it is further enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that yf any manner of person or persons appoynted and elected to be Collectours, as is aforesayde, shall refuse the sayde office, or shall after he hath agreed to it neglect the same, he shall forfaite and lose for euery offence to the vse of the poore of the same place fourtie shillinges, of lawfull money of Englande, to be leuied by distresse, or recouered by action, byll, playnt, or information, in any Court of recorde, or lordes Court, by the hygh Constables or Tythyng men aforesayde: In whiche suite, no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted to the partie defendaunt. And if the sayde hygh Constables, shalbe remisse or negligent to sue, or shal refuse to sue the sayde Collectours and euery of them within two monethes next after suche refusall, or negligence in or by the sayde Collectour: that then the sayde hygh Constables or Tithing men, shal forfayte and lose fiue poundes of lawfull money of Englande, to thuse of the poore of the same place, to be sued for, by & in the name of two of the next Justices to the sayde place or places, beyng out of Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate: if within, then by the Maior, Baylifes, or other head officers of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, in any Court of recorde or Lordes Court, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information, in whiche no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

And further be it enacted, that the sayde Collectours, and euery of them, so to be chosen, as is aforesayde, shall make their iuste accompt halfe yerely of their sayde collection and gatheryng, to two Justices of the peace, dwellyng next to the sayde abydyng place or places, not beyng within any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate: or to ẏ Maior, Shiriffes, or other cheefe officers, of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate: and when they go out of their offices, they shall deliuer, or cause to be deliuered foorthwith vpon their accomptes, al such surplusages of their collection & gathering, as shall then remayne vndistributed, to be ordered by ẏ sayd Justices, Maiors, Baylifes, or other head officers, vppon the saide payne of tenne poundes. If any suche Collectour shall refuse to make his sayde accompt, or neglect the same, by the space of fourteene dayes after request to hym therfore made: then the sayde two Justices, or one of them, to commit the sayde Collectour to the next gaole for the sayde Countie, there to remayne without bayle or mainprise, tyll he haue made his sayde accompt, and immediat payment and delyuerie of al suche surplusages as he hath receaued.

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And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons, beyng able to further this charitable worke, wyll obstinatly refuse to geue towardes the helpe and releefe of the sayde poore people, or doo wylfully discourage others from so charitable a deede: the sayde obstinate person or wylfull discourager, shall presently be brought before two Justices of the peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, of the same Countie, to shewe the cause of his obstinate refusal, or wylfull discouragement, and to abyde suche order therin, as the sayde iustices shall appoynt: yf he refuse so to doo, then to be committed to the next gaole for the sayde Shire, there to remayne vntyl he be contented with their sayde order, and do perfourme the same.

And it is also further enacted, that if any of the sayde aged and impotent persons, not beyng so diseased, lame, or impotent, but that they may worke in some maner of worke, shalbe by the ouerseers of their sayde abydyng place appoynted to worke, yf they refuse, then in fourme aforesayde to be whypped and stocked for their fyrst refusall, and for their seconde refusall to be punished as in case of vacaboundes in the sayde firste degree of punishment.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that three Justices of peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, of and with the surpluslages of the sayde collections and forfaytures, (the sayde poore and impotent people satisfyed and prouided for) shall by their discretions, in such conuenient place and places within their sayde Shires as they shall thinke meete, place and settle to worke the roges and vacaboundes that shalbe disposed to worke, borne within their sayde Counties, or there abydyng for the most parte within the sayde three yeeres, there to be holden to worke by the ouersight of the sayde ouerseers, to get their lyuinges, and to lyue and to be sustayned onely vpon their labour and trauayle.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that if any beggers chylde, beyng aboue the age of fyue yeres, and vnder fourteene yeres, beyng male or female, shalbe lyked of by any subiect of this Realme of honest callyng, who shalbe wyllyng to take the sayde chylde into seruice, the sayde subiect shall at the next generall sessions to be holden for the sayde Countie, by order of the Justices there, or the moste part of them, haue the sayde chylde bounde with hym: if it be a man chylde, tyl the age of foure and twentie yeres, if it be a woman chylde, tyll the age of eyghteene yeres. If the chylde do after departe, or be

be taken, or be intiled from the sayde maister or maistresse, the maister or maistresse to haue theyr remedie by order of the statute of labourers, as for theyr seruaunt, eyther by way of action, or otherwyse, aswell agaynst the chyld, as agaynst the taker or intiler thereof.

Be it also enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that al the forfeytures appoynted, or to growe by this statute, (except the forfeytures of Justices of peace) shall wholy go, and be employed to the vse of the poore aforesayd, and shalbe leuied by distresse by the discretion of the Justices of the same Countie, or two of them, or other head officers aforesayde, & that the Justices of peace in al Shires of Englande, shall in theyr quarter Sessions next after Easter, yerely examine the performaunce, or not performaunce of this statute, according to the tenour thereof, as they are bounde to do the statute of labourers, and at theyr sayde Sessions shall yerely appoynt newe collectours, and newe ouerseers for the causes aforesayde, and shal then also agree vpon newe viewes and searches of the sayde impotent people within euery theyr limittes for the yere folowing yf neede shalbe, and further at theyr sayde Sessions, shall take order by theyr good discretions, for al and euery thyng and thynges, that may in any wise further the intent of this acte.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that three Justices of peace, within all the Shires of this Realme, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, to heare and determine al causes, (except forfeytures of Justices of peace) that shall come in question by reason of this present acte.

Prouided also, that forasmuche as it is thought that the inhabitauntes of diuers Counties, cities, and townes within this Realme, be not able to releeue the poore, lame, and impotent persons with money, to be collected in maner and fourme aforesayd, and that it were ouer great a burthen to the collectours, for to gather meate, drynke, corne, or other thinges for theyr releefe, to be employed and bestowed in fourme aforesayde: Therefore it is further enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to and for the Justices of the peace, in theyr open Sessions of the peace, or for the moste part of them there assembled, within any the Counties, cities, or townes of this Realme, where collection of money can not presentlye be had, as this present acte wylleth and appoynteth, to graunt licence vnder theyr handes and seales, to suche, and so manye of the sayde poore and impotent, or diseased persons, or to anye

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other person or persons, to be by the sayde Justices assigned and allowed for the sayde poore, to aske, geather, and receaue, within suche other Towne, Parishe, or Parishes of the sayde Countie, as the sayd Justices, or the most part of them, there then in theyr sayde Sessions assembled, shall specially name, appoynt, limit, and assigne, the charitable deuotion, & almes, at the house or houses of the inhabitauntes of such towne, parishe or parishes, by the sayde Justices named, appoynted, limitted, or assigned, so that they do appoynt the sayde poore so to be releeued only within the Townes and parishes beyng within the diuisions of the same Justices that so shal geue suche license or licenses: and that the inhabitauntes of euery such parishe or parishes, to the which suche poore or impotent persons shalbe so appoynted, as is afore sayde, shalbe coacted and bounde by vertue of this acte, vnder suche payne as to the discretion of the sayde Justices there in theyr Session assembled, or the most part of them, shal seeme conuenient, to releeue the sayde poore and impotent persons, in such sorte, as the sayde Justices there assembled shall appoynt.

And be it further enacted, that yf it shal happen anye Citie or Towne corporate, to haue in it more impotent and poore folkes, not able to labour, then the sayde towne or citie is able to releeue, and the said citie or towne corporate is a Countie of it selfe, or scituate, or standyng in one Countie, & immediatly adioynyng to another, that in those cities or townes, the Maior or head officers of the sayde citie or towne, shall make certificate to the Justices of the counties adioynyng to the sayd cities or townes, and the same Justices of the sayde adioynyng Countie or townes, in theyr generall Sessions of the peace, shal geue licence, and followe the order aboue remembred, accordyng as other Justices of the Counties in the whiche any towne or parishe surcharged standeth, are before limitted, and auctho[r]ized to do.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctho[r]itie afore sayde, that al and euery summe & sommes of money, from henceforth to be collected or gathered within the citie of London, and the liberties of the same, by vertue of this acte, shalbe payde vnto the gouernour of the Hospitall, called the Hospitall of Christes Churche, within the sayd citie of London, for the time being, and shalbe by them from time to time distributed, and bestowed, for the releefe of the poore of the same citie, accordyng to theyr wysedomes and discretions: any thyng in this statute conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctho[r]itie afore sayde, that

that al and euery ſumme and ſummes of money, from henceforth to be collected or gathered within the citie of Couentrie, and the liberties of the ſame, by vertue of this act, towardes the maynteynaunce and releefe of the Hoſpitall of poore people, erected in the ſame citie, ſhalbe payd vnto ſuch gouernour & gouernours of the ſaid Hoſpital, as nowe is, or hereafter ſhalbe admitted & appoynted by the Maior and Aldermen of the ſayde citie of Couentrie, or the more part of them, for the tyme beyng, and ſuche gouernour and gouernours ſo admitted and appoynted, as is aforeſayde, ſhal from tyme to tyme diſtribute and beſtowe for the releefe of the poore within the ſayde citie, the ſayde ſumme or ſummes of money, according to theyr wiſdomes & diſcretions: any thyng mentioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that al and euery ſumme and ſummes of money, from henceforth to be payde, collected, or gathered, within the citie of Gloucester, liberties, and limittes of the ſame citie, for, and towarde the vſe or releefe of the poore, and al and euery other releefe which ſhalbe due and payable, or is to be yeelded within the ſayde citie, liberties, or limittes, for, and towarde the releefe of the ſayde poore, ſhalbe from tyme to tyme payde and deliuered, or otherwyſe ſhall ſtande and be at the only rule, order, and diſpoſition of the preſident & gouernours of the Hoſpital of ſaint Bartholomewe, of the foundation of our nowe moſte gratious ſoueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, within the ſayde citie of Gloucester for the tyme beyng, and ſhalbe by them from tyme to tyme diſtributed, and beſtowed for the releefe of the poore of the ſayde citie, accordyng to theyr wyſdomes and diſcretions.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that the Biſhoppe of euerye dioceſſe, or his Chauncelour for the tyme beyng, ſhall yerely viſite all Hoſpitalles in the dioceſſe of ſuche Biſhoppe, where no viſitour by the founder or founders is appoynted, yf the founder of the ſayde Hoſpitall be then dead, and to ſee and take order, that the ſayde Hoſpitalles be ordered and vſed accordyng to the ſtatutes and ordinaunces of the foundation thereof, and yf the founder be then liuing, the ſayde founder to viſite the ſame duryng his lyfe, without anye the Biſhoppes diſitation, and the ſame viſitation to be at the onlye coſtes and charges of the viſitours, and not of the Hoſpitall: and that it ſhalbe lawfull to the Byſhoppe of the dioceſſe for the tyme beyng, where ſuche Hoſpitall is or ſhalbe, or his Chauncelour, vppon complaynte, or other intelligence of iuſte cauſe, to take

take accompt howe the rentes, reuenues, and profites of anye suche Hospitall hath benne bestowed and spent, to cal before him or them at the sayde Hospitall to accompt, al such person and persons as haue had the collection or receipt of any the sayde rentes, issues, reuenues, or profites. And yf any person or persons so called, shall, and do refuse to accompt, or entryng into accompt, shall refuse to proceede and finishe the same, or vpon the finishyng thereof, shall refuse foorthwith to employ or answere to the vse of the sayde Hospitall, suche summe or summes of money, as vpon the same accompt shall appeare to be due by hym: that then euery suche person and persons so refusyng, shal forfayte and lose suche summe and summes of money, as to the sayde Bishop or Chauncelour, and to two Justices of the peace next inhabityng to the sayde Hospitall, shalbe thought meete and conuenient, to whiche accomptes, the sayde Bishoppe or Chauncelour, shal call the same two Justices of peace.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie afore sayde, that no person or persons, hauyng charge of any viage in passing from the Realme of Ireland, or from the Isle of Manne, into this Realme of Englande, do from the laste day of June nexte commyng, wyttynglye, or wyllynglye transporte, bryng, cary, or conueygh, or suffer to be transported, brought, caryed, or conueyghed in any shippe, picarde, vessell, boate, or boates, from and out of the sayde Realme of Irelande, or from, or out of the sayde Isle of Manne, into the Realme of Englande or Wales, or anye parte thereof, any vacabounde, roge, or begger, or anye suche as shalbe forced, or very lyke to liue by beggyng within the Realmes of Englande or Wales, beyng borne in the Realme of Ireland, or in the said Isle of Manne, on payne of euery such person or persons, so bringing, transporting, carying, or conueighing, either suffring to be brought, transported, caried, & conueighed in maner and fourme aforesayde, to forfeite and lose for euery suche vacabound, roge, begger, or other person whiche shalbe forced, or like to liue by begging within this Realme of England or Wales, beyng transported, and set on lande in anye part of Englande or of Wales, twentie shyllynges of lawfull Englishe money, to the vse of the poore of the same Parishe in whiche they were set on lande, to be leuied by the collectours of the same poore for the time being, by seasure and selling of any the goodes and cattelles of the same person, whiche shal so bryng, transport, carye, or conueygh anye suche roge, vacabounde, or begger, or other person whiche shalbe forced, or like to liue by begging within the realme

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of Englande, or of Wales, to the value of the same forfeyture, and on the payne of the same vacaboundes, roges, and beggars, so set on lande, to be punished as the other vacaboundes and sturdie beggars, in this acte before mentioned and declared.

And be it likewyse enacted, yf any suche manishe or Irishe roge, vacabounde, or beggar, ben already, or shal at any time hereafter be set on lande in any part of England or of Wales, the same shalbe conueyed to the next port in or neere whiche they were landed, and from thence be transported at the common charge of the Countie where they were set on lande, into those partes from whence they came, or were transported.

Also be it prouided, that yf any maner of person, shal hereafter finde him or her selfe greeued with any taxation set vpon them by vertue of this acte, it shalbe lawfull for them at the next generall Sessions of the peace, to be holden within the same shyre where their taxation shalbe, to make complaint therof to the Justices of the benche, and to be eased of their excessiue charge, by the discretion of the whole benche, or the moste of them. And yf any default shalbe hereafter founde in any Justices of peace, or Quorum, in or about the execution of this acte: euery of the sayde Justices, vpon proofe of their sayde default by two sufficient witnesses before the Justices of Assise, at the next generall Sessions of gaole deliuerie for the same Countie, after the same default, shall forfayte and lose fiue poundes of lawful Englishe money, the one halfe whereof to be to the vse of the sayde poore people of the same Countie, and the other halfe to the Queenes Maiestie, whiche sayde forfaiture shalbe leuied by distresse, by the discretion of the sayde Justices of Assises.

And where as a great number of poore and diseased people do resorte to the Citie of Bathe, in the Countie of Sommerset, and the Towne of Buckstone, in the Countie of Derbie, for some ease and relefe of their diseases at the bathes there, and by meanes thereof, the inhabitauntes of the same Citie of Bathe, & Towne of Buckstone, are greatly ouercharged with the same poore people, to their intollerable charge: be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no diseased or impotent poore person, liuyng on almes at any time after the feast of saint Bartholomewe the Apostle next comming, shall resort or repayre from theyr dwellyng places to the sayde Citie of Bathe, and Towne of Buckstone, or eyther of them, to the bathes there for ease of their greefe, vnlesse suche person be not only licensed so to do, by two Justices of the peace of the Countie where suche person dooth or shall then dwel

and remayne: but also prouided for by the inhabitauntes of such hundredes, parishes, or places from whence they shall so be licensed to trauayle, of such relefe for and towardes his maintenance, as shalbe necessary for the same person, for the time of suche his abode at the said Citie of Bathe & Towne of Buckstone, or eyther of them, and returne home agayne as shalbe limitted by the same licence, vppon payne to be reputed, punished, and vsed as vacabounded, by the puruewe of this estatute: and that the inhabitauntes of the same Citie and Towne, shall not in any wyse be charged by this acte, with the findyng or relefe of any such poore people.

And for the better performance of this charitable acte, it is ordeyned and established by auctoritie aforesayde, that whereas the late kyng of famous memorie, kyng Henry the eyght, his heyres or successours, or any other person or persons, heretofore by his or theyr seueral and lawful erections and foundations, hath or haue ordeyned or appoynted any summe or summes of money, rentes, reliefes, or commoditie to the vse of the poore, or for the repayring or mendyng of hygh wayes or bridges, not being taken away otherwyse by acte of Parliament, whether the same be in any Cathedrall Churche, Colledge, or els where, that the byshop of the diocesse, or his Chauncellour, within whiche the sayde Cathedral Church, Colledge, or place is, and the Justices of the peace of the Countie within the whiche the sayde Cathedral Churche, Colledge, or place is, or three of them (whereof one to be of the Quorum) shall haue auctoritie from tyme to tyme to examine howe and after what manner the sayde money, rent, relefe, or commoditie is bestowed: and to cal to accompt the parties which do deteyne the sayd money, rentes, or relefe, and therevppon to take suche order for the distribution of the same, as to their discretions shall seeme most fitte and agreeable to the good intent of the founders, geuers, or graunters, and therof to make certificate in the hygh Court of Chauncerie once in euery yeere.

Prouided alwayes, that where as by reason of this acte, the common gaoles of euery shyre within this Realme, are like to be greatly pestered with a more number of prisoners then heretofore hath benne, for that the sayde vacabounded and other lewde persons before recited, shal vppon their apprehention be committed to the common gaole of the same shyre where they are so taken and apprehended, & that in most shires of this Realme the common gaoles are in such Townes where there be a great number of poore people, more then they are wel able to sustaine with their relefe,

reliefe, and in some shyres the assises are kept farre distant from the place where the common gaoles are, by reason whereof the sayde prisoners are lyke to famishe for want of sustenaunce, yf they be not therefore prouided:

For remedy whereof, be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that it shall and may be lawfull for the Justices of peace, of euery shyre within this Realme, at their general quarter sessions of the peace to be holden within the same shyres, or the most part of the sayd Justices being then present, to rate and taxe euery parishe within the saide shyres, at such reasonable summes of money, for and towardes the reliefe of the sayde prisoners, as they shall thinke conuenient by their discretions: so that the sayd taxation and rate dooth not exceede aboue sixe pence, or eyght pence by the weeke out of euery parishe: and that the Churchewardens of euery parishe within this Realme for the time being, shall euery Sunday leuie the same, and once euery quarter in the yeere pay to the high constables, or head officers of euery Towne, Parishe, Hundred, Riding, or Wapentake within this Realme, all suche summes of money, as their parishe shalbe rated and taxed, for and towardes the reliefe of the sayd prisoners within their sayde seueral parishes: And that the sayde hygh Constables and head officers, and euery of them, shal pay all suche summes of money so to them payd by the sayd Churchewardens, at euery generall quarter Sessions to be holden within the said seueral shires, to suche sufficient persons dwelling nigh the sayd gaoles, as shalbe appoynted by the sayde Justices in their sayde open quarter sessions, to be there ready to receiue the sayd money so collected, as is aforesayd. And that the Collectours for the sayd prisoners, shal weekely distribute and pay all suche summes of money, as they and euery of them shal receiue for the reliefe of the sayd prisoners, as aforesayde, vppon payne aswell the sayde Churchwardens of euery parishe, Constables and head officers of euery Hundred, or Wapentake, as also the sayde Collectours appoynted for the collection and contribution of the said prisoners, so makyng default, as aforesayde, to forfeyte fiue poundes, the one moytie thereof shalbe to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie to the reliefe of the prisoners: any statute, lawe, custome, vse, or other thyng to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that the Justices of peace within any Countie of this Realme, or Wales, shal not intromit or enter into any Citie, Borough, place, or Towne corporate, where be any Ju-

stice, or Justices of peace, for any suche Citie, Borough, place, or Towne corporate, for the execution of any braunche, article, or sentence of this act, for, or concerning any offence, matter, or cause growyng or aryling within the precinctes, liberties, or turisdictions of such Citie, Borough, place, or towne corporate: but that it may and shalbe lawful to the Justice, and Justices of peace, Maior, Baylifes, and other head officers of those Cities, Boroughes, places, and Townes corporate, where there be Justice, or Justices, to proceede to the execution of this acte, within the precinct and compasse of their liberties, in suche manner and fourme as the Justices of peace in any Countie, may or ought to doo within the same Countie by vertue of this acte: any matter or thyng in this acte expressed to the contrary thereof, notwithstandyng.

And that euery Justice and Justices of the peace, within euery suche Citie, Borough, Place, and Towne corporate, for euery offence by them, or any of them to be committed contrary to the intent and meanyng of this statute, shalbe punishable, and chargeable as other Justices of peace at large in the Counties, are by this acte aboue appoynted to be.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that yf it shall chaunce any Citie or Towne corporate, to haue in it more poore folkes then the inhabitaunts thereof shalbe able to releeue, that in such case vppon certificate thereof made, and of the number and names of the personnes with whiche they be so surcharged, vnto the Justices of the peace of the Countie in whiche suche Citie or Towne corporate shall lye and be situate, at their quarter sessions of the peace, by two Justices of peace of the saide Countie, and the Maior or other head officer of the same Citie or Towne corporate: the Justices may by theyr discretions in the same Sessions, take order, appoynt, and cause the same poore folke so certified, to be prouided for, and releeued, by geuing of licence to begge, or otherwyse, in some other place or places of the saide Countie, out of such Citie or Towne corporate so surcharged.

Prouided alway, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not extende to the poore people, for the time beyng in the hospitall, called Saint Thomas hospitall, otherwyse called the kynges hospitall in the Borough of Southwarke, neere adioyning to the Citie of London, but that the Maior, Comminaltie, and Citizens of the saide Citie of London for the tyme being, shal and may only haue the rule, order, and gouernment of the sayde hospitall, and of the poore people therein for the tyme beyng: any

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thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, or any aucthoritie thereby geuen, shal not in any wyse extende to dislnherite, preiudice, or hinder John Dutton, of Dutton, in the Countie of Chester esquire, his heyres or assignes, for, touchyng, or concernyng any libertie, priuiledge, preeminencie, aucthoritie, iurisdiction, or inheritaunce, whiche the sayde John Dutton nowe lawefully vseth or hath, or lawfully may or ought to vse within the Countie palatine of Chester, and the Countie of the Citie of Chester, or eyther of them, by reason of any auncient chartres of any kynges of this lande, or by reason of any prescription, or other lawfull vsage or title whatsoeuer.

This acte to endure for seuen yeeres, and from thence to the ende of the next Parliament then next folowyng.

An acte for the explanation

of a statute made against fugitiues ouer the seas, in the .xiii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne,

Chapter. vi.

WHERE as in the statute agaynst fugitiues departing out of this Realme, made in the last Parliament, amongest other thynges it is ordeyned, that the offenders agaynst that estatute, shall forfayte and lose to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, the whole profites of all their manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, duryng theyr liues: sythens whiche time some doubt and question vpon the sayde woordes hath risen, and ben mooued, whether her Maiestie, her heyres and successours, may let and set the same landes, or make grauntes by coppies of court

roule thereof, and vſuall wood ſales, or els ſhall only take the ordinarie profites as they ryſe, as veſturam terre, & not otherwyſe: And where as in the ſaide eſtatute, one braunche or clauſe is conteyned for the makyng voyde of fraudulent conueyaunces by the ſayde fugitiues of their landes and goodes, made to thintent and vpon priuie confidence, that the profits may be employed, as they ſhould limit and agree: vpon the woordes of whiche clauſe, ſome doubt and queſtion hath alſo riſen, and ben mooued, whether the conueyaunce (to thintent aforeſayde) made by ſuche fugitiues as depart out of the Realme hauing licence, and do not returne into this Realme accordyng to their licence, and intent of the ſaid eſtatute, ſhalbe within the prouiſion of the ſayd eſtatute, vnleſſe their determination of not returnyng accordyng to their licence, be prooued to be before the makyng of the ſayde fraudulent conueyaunce, as a thyng materiall before the making of the ſayd conueyaunce, or whether the ſame determination of not returnyng accordyng to the ſayde licence, be not ſo materiall, but that the ſame ſhall by the ſubſequent acte, (that is to ſay) by the not returnyng of the ſaide partie accordyng to the ſayde licence, be ſufficiently prooued, without any further matter.

For auoydyng of whiche doubtes, be it declared, and explaned, and ordeyned by aucthoritie of this Parliament, that during ſo long tyme as her Maieſtie, her heyres or ſucceſſours, ſhalbe entituled to haue the ſayde profites by vertue of the ſayde eſtatute, ſhe and they may let and ſette, and make grauntes by coppy of Court roule, and vſual wood ſales, and other thynges, to all intentes and purpoſes, as a tenant pour terme dauter vie lawfully may do.

And further, that the ſayde determination, whiche is but a ſecrete thought of the fugitiue, whatſoeuer his woordes or ſpeach be, is not materiall, but that the acte and deede ſubſequent, viz. the not returnyng of euery ſuche fugitiue accordyng to this licence, and not hauing ſuche let or excuſe, as by the ſayde ſtatute is alowed (without any further matter) was, is, and ſhalbe taken and deemed a ſufficient proofe of the precedent determinatiō of the ſame partie not to returne accordyng to his licence: any thyng to the contrary hereof in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that all ſuche rentes, reuenues, iſſues, profites, and other thynges, as already be comen or growen, or hereafter ſhall come or growe to the Queenes Maieſtie, for any the cauſes of forfaiture mentioned or expreſſed in the ſaide former acte and ſtatute, or declared by this acte,

acte, shalbe answeared yeerely vnto the Queenes Maiestie in the Court of Exchequer, and shalbe in the order, surueye, and rule of the same Court: and that the Treasourer, Chauncelour, and Barons of the sayde Court, or the more part of them for the tyme being, whereof the Treasourer, or Chauncelour to be one, shall and may doo, and cause to be donne, all and euery suche acte and thyng, as they shal thinke meete and conuenient to be had, made, or donne, for the demising, custody, receiuing, orderyng, and better answearing to her Maiesties commoditie and profite, of all such rentes, reuenues issues, profites, and other thynges as now be commen or growen, or hereafter shall come or growe to her Maiestie, for any the causes of forfaiture aforesayde, accordyng to the true intent and meanyng of the sayde former acte, and of this present statute of explanation and declaration.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, seruices, & leasses, being at this time parcel of the possessiõs of the Duchie of Lancaster, or derined out of the same, whereunto, or to the profites wherof, the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours in any wyse is, or hereafter shalbe entituled, eyther by aucthoritie of the sayde former estatute of fugitiues, or by this estatute, shalbe from henceforth within the suruey, dimising, and order of the Court of the sayde Duchie of Lancaster, in such maner & fourme, as other the premises be assigned or appoynted by aucthoritie of this acte, or by the sayde former acte, to be in the suruey, dimising, and order of the sayde Court of Exchequer: and that the transcripte of all offices and inquisitions concernyng the premisses to be within the suruey, dimising, and order of the sayde Duchie of Lancaster, shalbe certified and recorded in the sayde Court of the Duchie of Lancaster: any thyng eyther in the saide former acte, or in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

An act againſt the deceiptes of vnder Collectours of the tenthes and ſubſidies of the Cleargie.

Chapter.vij.

FOR auoyding and redreſſe of great deceiptes donne to the Queenes Maieſtie, and to the Prelates and Cleargie of this Realme, by vnder Collectours of the tenthes and ſubſidies of the Cleargie, appointed by and vnder the Archbyſhops and Byſhops of this Realme, and Deanes and Chapters (Sede vacante:) Be it enacted, that the ſtatute made in the .xiii. yeere of her Maieſties raigne, to make the landes, tenementes, goodes, and cataples of Tellers, Receiuers, &c. to be liable to the payment of their debtes, ſhall to al intentes and purpoſes, as amply & largely extend, and be conſtrued to extende to all ſuche vnder Collectours of tenthes and ſubſidies of the Cleargie, and to their landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattayles, for ſatiſfiyng of ſuche money as they haue collected, or ſhall collect of the ſayde tenthes and ſubſidies, to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres or ſucceſſours, (of what yeerely ſumme ſo euer the charge of theyr collection is, or ſhalbe) in lyke ſourme as it doother extende to the Tellers, Receiuers, and other perſonnes accomptaunt, whom the ſayde acte ſpecially and expreſſely concerneth, and in as ample wyſe, as yf ſuche vnder Collectours were immediatly accomptaunt to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres or ſucceſſours: any prouiſion in the ſayd ſtatute, or other matter whatſoeuer to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

And that euery ſuch vnder Collectour, ſhal vpon proceſſe to be awarded out of the court of Exchequer, be chargeable to accompt for his receipt of ſuche tenthes and ſubſidies, as any Receiuer immediatly accomptaunt to her Maieſtie, is or ought to be: and

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that euery Archbyshoppe and Byshop, and Deane and Chapter (Sede vacante) to whose charge the collection of suche tenthes or subsidies dooth or shall apparteyne, shalbe discharged of so much of the saide tenthes & subsidies, as shalbe satisfied to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours, of or by the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, goodes or cattayles, of suche vnder Collectour or his heyres, without any other warraunt whatsoeuer, in that behalfe to be obteyned.

An Acte for the auoydyng

of recoueries suffered by collusion by tenauntes for terme of life, and suche others.

Chapter. viii.

WHERE diuers persons being seised, or that had ben seised of landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as tenauntes by the curtesie of Englande, tenauntes in tayle after possibilitie of issue extincte, or otherwyse, onlye for terme of life or liues, or of estates determinable vppon life or liues, haue heretofore permitted and suffered other persons by agreement or couine betweene them had, to recouer the same landes and tenementes, and other hereditaments, against the same particuler tenaunts, in the Queenes Maiesties Court, or haue permitted and suffered them selues to be vouched by other persons, by agreement or couine betweene them had, in recoueries suffered of the same landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in the Queenes Maiesties Court, to the great preiudice of those to whom the reuertion or remaynder thereof hath apparteyned, or ought to apparteyne.

For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie,

Maiestie, with the assent of the lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all suche recoueries hereafter to be had or prosecuted by agreement of the parties, or by couine, as is aforesayde, against any suche particuler tenaunt of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whereof the same particuler tenaunt is, or hereafter shalbe seised of any suche particuler estate, as is aforesayde, or agaynst any other with voucher ouer of any suche particuler tenaunt, or of any hauyng, or that had ryght or title to any suche particuler estate or tenauncie, as is aforesayde, shall from henceforth, as agaynst suche person or personnes to whom any reuertion or remaynder thereof, by force of any conueyaunce or deuise before that tyme had or made, shall, ought, or lawfully may apparteyne, and agaynst theyr heyres and successours, be clearely and vtterly voyde and of none effect: any law or vsage heretofore had to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alway, that this acte, nor any thyng therin conteyned, shall extende, or be preiudicial to any person or persons, that shal hereafter by good title recouer any landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, without fraud or couine, by reason of any former right, or title: but that all and euery suche recouerie, and recoueries, so to be had or prosecuted vpon former ryghtes or titles, shal stande and be in like force, strength, and effect, as they were before the makyng of this acte: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that all and euery suche recouerie and recoueries, to be had or prosecuted of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, as aforesayde, by the assent and agreement of any person or personnes, to whom any reuertion or remaynder thereof then shall or ought to apparteyne (so that the same assent & agreement do appeare of recorde in any court of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours) shall stande and be in lyke force, strength, and of lyke effect, agaynst suche person and persons that shall so assent and agree, theyr heyres and successours, as they were before the makyng of this acte: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that one acte made in the xxvii. yeere of our late Soueraigne Lorde king Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte for the auoydyng of recoueries by collusions by tenauntes for terme of lyfe, shalbe from the first day

of

of July next ensuing repealed, and shall no longer stand in force.

An acte declaring that the tenaunt and defendaunt, may haue a *tales de circumstantibus*, as well as the demaundant or plaintife

Chapter. ix.

FOR the auoydyng of great and chargeable delayes oftentymes happenyng vnto tenaunts and defendauntes: be it enacted, that in al cases wheras the partie plaintife or demaundant, by any statute heretofore made, may haue vppon his or their request made vnto the Justices of Nisi prius, within this Realme of Englande, or to the Justices of Oyre, or of assises, of the twelue shyres of Wales, & of the Counties palatines of Lancaster, Chester, and Durham, a tales de circumstantibus, that in all and euery suche case and cases, the partie & parties, tenaunts, actours, auowauntes, and defendauntes (yf the plaintiefes or demaundantes shal vppon the callyng of the principall pannell or Jurie, forbeare or refuse to pray the same) shall and may vpon his or their request or desyre, haue vpon the same recorde, and by the same Justices, the tales or talesses vnto them graunted, in lyke manner, fourme, and degree, to all respectes and purposes, as the plaintiefe or demaundaunt in any suite or action may haue the same, by any statute or ordinaunce heretofore made, or set foorth, and the rather for the speedy tryall of the issue and issues ioyned, or hereafter to be ioyned in any plee, suite, or action: any lawe, custome, or vsage heretofore vsed to the contrary therof in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that in all populer actions, informations, billes, or suites,

suites, commenced or had, or hereafter to be commenced or had in any the Queenes Maiesties courtes of recorde, vpon any penall lawes or statutes, wherein any persone dooth, or shall sue, or prosequte, or informe, aswell for the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, as for hym selfe, whereupon issue is or shalbe ioyned to be tryed by the Countrey: that therein the partie defendaunt, or defendauntes, shalbe admitted to pray and haue a tales de circumstantibus, as in other cases aforesayde.

¶ An acte to reformme the excessiue length of karsies.

Chapter. x.

WHERE as within this Realme of Englande, Karsies, called ordinarie karsies, haue not, nor doo not vsually contayne aboue seuenteene yardes, and the finer sort, called sorting karsies, not aboue eyghteene yardes, and according to the proportion of the saide lengthes, the weyght hath ben limitted by the statutes now remaynyng in force for true makyng of woollen karsies: and where the Queenes Maiestie hath ben, is, and ought to be answeared of her Maiesties customes and subsidies of the saide karsies, according to the number of peeces, or whole karsies, and not according to the quantitie or number of yardes in euery of the sayde karsies conteyned: and where certayne marchaunt strangers, and others, vsyng the trade of transporting karsies by way of marchaundize beyond the seas, haue of late deuised and procured to haue karsies made of much greater lengthes, as of xxv. and xxvi. yardes and more, and intend, as it may be well geathered, to haue them made of greater length from tyme to tyme, by whiche policie they doo not onlye deceiue the Queenes Maiestie of one

thirde

third part of her customes and subsidies due for the same karties, for that euery two karties nowe paying custome but for two karsies, do by the sayde meane contayne more then three karties, that were wont to yeelde custome for three karsies: but also the poore Artificers, weauers, and other workemen, occupying makyng of the sayde karties, are litle or nothyng more considered in theyr wages for makyng of the sayde long karsies: Moreouer, the marchauntes of Englande vsyng the trade of buying the sayde vsuall ordinarie sortes, or others, are easely eaten vp and vndone by the sayde straungers, for that the sayde straungers conueying by deceipt so much of her Maiesties custome, are able by selling beyond the seas vnder the Englishe marchauntes price, to dryue all the Englishe marchauntes to losse, and Englishe subiectes makers of ordinarie karsies, are by the saide subtile aduauntage driuen from their trade, and lykely to be shortly enforced to chaunge their Loumes, Milles, and other instrumentes, for that no other sort of karsies, in respect of the gayne in deceauyng her Maiestie, are lykely to be vsually bought, which newe deuise is to the great defrauding of her Maiestie, to the vndoyng of her subiectes, the Englishe marchauntes, and of the Clothiers vsyng the makyng of karsies, and of an infinite number of poore families sustayned by workemanship about the same.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes hyghnesse, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that from and after the feast of Saint Bartholomewe the Apostle next ensuyng, it shall not be lawfull for any person or persons, vsyng, or that shall vse the trade of makyng of karsies, to make or cause to be made anye karsies of the sorte called ordinarie karsies, or any sortyng karsies, or any other karsiers, by what name or names so euer they be called, aboue the length of eyghteene yardes at the moste, to be measured by yarde and inche, beyng redy made: but that all karsies shalbe made of the sayde vsuall lengthes, and accordyng to the proportion of weyght limitted by the statute in that behalfe made and prouided in the fourth and fifth yeeres of the raignes of the late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, vppon payne that euery person or persons, that shall make, or cause to be made, any suche karsie or karsies of more or greater length then eyghteene yardes, shall forfayte for euery suche karsie. xl. s. the one moytie whereof shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyll sue for the same, by byll, plaint, or information, in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courtes

of Recorde, wherin no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt shalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouided, that yf any karte or kartes beyng purposely made to contayne eyghteene yardes in length, and no more, shall by occasion happen to contayne aboue eyghteene yardes, and beyng vnder nineteene yardes in length, that the maker or makers of any suche karte or kartes, shall not incurre the penaltie aboue contayned, any thyng before mentioned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

An Acte for the continuation, explanation, perfiting, and enlarging of diuers statutes.

Chapter.xj.

Here in the parliament holden vppon prorogation at Westminster the fourth day of Februarie, in the .xxiiii. yere of the raigne of the late kyng Henry the eyght, one acte was there made, entituled, An acte to continue, and renew the act made agaynst kylling of Calues: and one other acte, entituled, An acte agaynst kyllyng of young beastes, called waynlings. And where in the session of a Parliament ended at Westminster in the first day of Februarie, in the fourth yere of the raigne of our late soueraigne Lorde kyng Edwarde the sixth, one acte was made concernyng the buying and sellyng of rother beastes: and also one other acte was then and there lykewyse made, entituled, An acte for the buying and sellyng of butter and cheese. And where also an acte was made in the first session of the Parliament, holden in the fyfth yere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, entituled, An acte for the maintenaunce and encrease of Tyllage. And where also in the Parliament

ment begunne at Westminster in the .xviii. day of January, in the firste yere of the raigne of the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, and there continued by prorogation vntyll the dissolution thereof, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for the preseruation of spawne and frye of fyshe. And where also in the first session of the Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster, in the fyfth yere of the raigne of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, and from thence continued by prorogation vntyll the dissolution thereof, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for the auoydyng of diuers forrayne wares, made by handycraftes men beyond the seas: and one other acte, entituled, An acte for the punishment of suche persons as shoulde procure or commit any wylfull periurie, whiche actes were limited to endure to thende of the next Parliament. And where also in the last session of the same Parliament, holden by prorogation at Westminster, in the eyght yere of the raigne of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie that nowe is, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for Bowyers, and the prices of bowes, and was made to continue to thend of the first session of the next Parliament: and also one other acte was then made, entituled, An acte for the preseruation of grayne: All whiche seuerall actes and statutes were made to continue, but for certayne tymes: and all whiche actes made in the sayde fourth yere of kyng Edwarde the sixth, and in the sayd first, fyfth, and eyght yeres of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, were at the last Parliament holden at Westminster the seconde day of Apryll, in the thirteenth yeere of the raigne of our sayd soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, made to continue and stande in force vnto thende of the next Parliament then next folowyng. And where also in the Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster the seconde day of Apryll, in the thirteenth yere of the raigne of our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queene, one acte and statute was then and there made, for the auoydyng and abolishing of faigned, couenous, and fraudulent feoffamentes, gyftes, grauntes, alienations, conueyaunces, bondes, suites, iudgementes, and executions, entituled, An acte agaynst fraudulent deedes, gyftes, grauntes, alienations, &c. whiche acte and statute was then made to endure vnto thende of the first session of the next Parliament, as by the sayde acte more playnely wyll appeare. And where also in the saide Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster the sayde seconde day of Apryll, there was also one other acte and statute made for the auoydyng of some lealles in certayne

cases to be made of Ecclesiasticall promotions with cure, entituled. An acte touchyng leases of benefices, and other Ecclesiasticall liuinges with cure, whiche acte was likewyse made to continue to thende of the next Parliament. And where also there was one other acte and statute made in the sayde Parliament, begunne and holden at Westminster the sayde seconde daye of Apryl, in the sayde thirteenth yeere, entituled, An acte that purueyours may take grayne, corne, or victualles within fiue miles of Cambridge and Oxforde in certayne cases, whiche acte was made likewyse to continue to the last day of the next Parliament.

And where in the statute made in the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, entituled, An acte for the reuiuyng and continuaunce of certayne statutes, is conteyned one prouiso, that the sayde acte concernyng the auoydyng of forren wares made by handycraftes men beyonde the seas, or any clause, article, or meanyng therein conteyned, shoulde not in any wyse extende or be preiudicial to any entercourse, or treatise of any entercourse then standyng in force, had, or made betweene the progenitours of the Queenes Maiestie, or her highnesse, and any others. Nowe for good consyderations, and specially that straungers may not be at libertie, and the Queenes Maiesties naturall subiectes restrained: be it enacted that the sayde prouiso, and euery clause, article, and matter therein conteyned, shall from henceforth be repelled, and vtterly voyde.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that these woordes (so soone as it, or any part thereof, shall come to any possession or vse aboue forbidden, or) whiche woordes are conteyned in the sayde statute made in the sayde thirteenth yeere, touchyng leases of benefices, and other ecclesiasticall liuinges with cure, shall not be reuiued by this acte, but remaine discontinued, and shal from henceforth be omitted out of the sayde acte, any thyng in the sayde acte, or in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And where sundry euyll disposed persons, haue defrauded the true meanyng of the sayde last mentioned statute, made in the sayde xiii. yeere, by bondes and couenauntes of suffering other persons to enioy ecclesiasticall liuinges, and the fruites thereof, for that suche bondes and couenauntes are not in lawe taken to be leases, although in deede they amount to as muche: be it therefore enacted, that all bondes, contractes, promises, and couenauntes, hereafter to be made for sufferyng or permitting any person to enioy any benefice, or ecclesiasticall promotion with cure, or to take profites or fruites thereof, other then such bondes and couenauntes,

couenauntes, as shalbe made for assurannce of any lease hereto-fore made, shalbe to all intentes and purpoles adiudged of suche force and validitie, and not otherwyse, as leasses by the same persons made of suche benefices and ecclesiasticall promotions with cure.

And be it further declared and enacted, that all leasses, bondes, promises, and couenauntes of and concernyng benefices and ecclesiasticall liuinges with cure, to be made by any curate, shalbe of no other, nor better force, validitie, or continuaunce, then yf the same had ben made by the beneficed person him self, that dimised, or shall dimise the same to any suche Curate.

And where in one other acte made in the said thirteenth yeere, entituled, An acte agaynst fraudulent gyftes, to the intent to defeate dilapidations of ecclesiasticall liuinges, and for leasses to be graunted by Collegiat Churches, there is one braunch to auoyde certayne leasses to be made by maisters and fellowes of Colledges, Deanes and Chapters of Cathedral or Collegiat Churches, maisters or gardians of any Hospitall, or by any Parson, Vicar, or any other hauyng any spirituall or ecclesiasticall liuing: be it enacted, that the sayde braunche, nor any thing therein conteyned, shall not extende to any graunt, assurannce, or lease of any houses belongyng to any the persons or bodyes politique or corporate aforesayde, nor to any grounde to suche houses appurteynyng, whiche houses be situate in any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, or the suburbes of any of them, but that al such houses and groundes may be graunted, dimised, and assured, as by the lawes of this Realme, and the seuerall statutes of the sayde Colledges, Cathedrall Churches and Hospitalles, they lawefully myght haue benne before the makyng of the sayd statute, or lawfully myght be, yf the sayde statute were not, so alway that suche house be not the Capitall or dwellyng house vsed for the habitation of the persons abouesayde, nor haue grounde to the same belongyng, aboue the quantitie of tenne acres, any thyng in the sayde acte to the contrary notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted, that all summes of money hereafter to be recouered, for, or in name of dilapidations, by sentence, composition, or otherwyse, shall within two yeeres after suche receipt, be truely imployed vpon the buyldynges & reparations, in respect whereof such money for dilapidations shalbe payde, on paine that euery person so receiuing, and not imployng as aforesayd, shal forfaite double as muche, as so shal be by hym receiued, and not imployed, the whiche forfaiture shalbe to the vse of the

Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres and ſucceſſours.

Prouided alway and be it enacted, that no leaſe ſhalbe permitted to be made by force of this acte in reuerſion, nor without reſeruing the accuſtomed yeerely rent at the leaſt, nor without charging the leſſee with the reparations, nor for longer terme then fourtie yeeres at the moſt: nor any houſes ſhalbe permitted to be alienedd, vnleſſe that in recompence thereof, there ſhalbe afore, with, or preſently after ſuch alienation, good, lawful, & ſufficient aſſuraunce made in fee ſimple abſolutely to ſuch Colledges, houſes, bodyes politike or corporate, and their ſucceſſours, of landes of as good value, and of as great yeerely value at the leaſt, as ſo ſhalbe alienedd: any ſtatute to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

And forasmuche as all the ſame ſeuerall actes and ſtatutes, and euery of them, do ſeeme good, beneficial, and needefull to be further continued for the weale and profite of this Realme: be it therefore nowe enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, with the aſſent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that the ſame ſeuerall actes and ſtatutes, and euery of them, and all and euery article, clauſe, and ſentences in them and euery of them conteyned, ſhall continue, be, and endure in full force and effect, vntyl the ende of the next Parliament.

An acte for the repeale of

a ſtatute made Anno .viij. of the Queenes Maieſties raigne, touching the towne of Shreweſburie.

Chapter.xij.

WHERE at the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the laſt day of September, in the eyght yeere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, there was an acte made, entituled, An acte touchyng Drapers, Cotteners, & Frizers, in the Towne of Shrewesburie, in the Countie of Salop; and in the ſame

same acte there is conteyned matter then supposed for the benefite of the said Towne of Shrewesburie, in aduauncing the corporation of Drapers, Cottoners, and Frizers of the sayd Towne. And it was thereby enacted, that from and after the feast of Easter then next ensuing, no maner person or persons whatsoeuer, inhabiting and dwelling within the saide Towne of Shrewesburie, or the liberties or franchises of ỹ same Towne, (other then suche as then had, or then after shoulde serue as apprentise in the occupation or science of Drapers, or then had benne, or thereafter shoulde be free of the sayde science or mysterie) should occupie, vse, exercise, or frequent the said trade, arte, mysterie, or science of buying of the said welsh cloth, or lining, cottens, fryzes, or plaines: nor haue any factour or dooer for him or them in the same, nor by any colour, engin, or fraude, buye any of the said fryzes, lininges, cottons, and plaines, vpon paine that euery person & persons inhabiting, as is aforesayde, and occuppying, vsing, or exercising the said trade, arte, mysterie, occupation, or science of buying of welsh clothes and lininges. &c. and not authorised by the acte, shoulde lose and forfayte for euery peece of the sayde clothes bought. vi. s. viii. d.

And where sithence the makyng of the sayde acte, experience hath plainely taught in the sayde Towne, that the sayd acte hath not only not brought the good effect that then was hoped and surmised, but also hath ben and nowe is lykely, to be the very greatest cause of the impouerishing and vndooing of the poore artificers and other, at whose suite the saide acte was procured, for that there be nowe sithence the makyng of the sayd statute, much fewer persons to set them a woorke then before: and by restraynyng all other inhabitours of the sayd Towne of Shrewesbury, from the former lawfull trade euer heretofore vsed of buying of welshe clothes, fryzes, cottons, lyninges, and playnes (leauyng the same neuertheless free for all the subiectes of Englande without any restraynt, sauing for the sayde inhabitauntes of the Towne of Shrewesbury, and the liberties and franchises of the same Towne only) hath ben the euident occasion of great decay, not only to the saide Towne, and the liberties and franchises of the same, but also to a great and infinite number of poore people in Northwales, that is to say, in the Counties of Mountgomery, Denbigh, Merionneth, and also the Towne of Oswester, and the greatest part of the Countrey there aboutes, where the sayde welshe clothes, fryzes, cottons, lyninges, and playnes are made and solde, whyche were woont to be mayntayned and relieued

lieued by trade of makyng or wooskyng of the sayde fryzes, cottons, &c. contrary to the expectation that then was wrongfully conceiued.

Be it therfore, at the humble suite of the inhabitauntes of the sayde Towne, and also of the sayde artificers for whose benefite the sayde acte was supposed to be prouided, enacted, that the sayde acte, and all the matter in the sayde acte conteyned, shall from henceforth be repealed and made voyde: any thyng in the sayde acte to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that so muche of the sayde statute of the eyght yeere of our Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, and euery article and braunche therein conteyned, as toucheth the present and ready payment of money to Sheremen, Cottoners, and Frizers, for their worke, & also as toucheth the restraint of suche as shall, or doo occupie or vse the trade of buying of frizes, cottons, or playnes, from the vse or exercise of the faculties of fryzing or cottoning, shall stande and be in force: any thyng in this statute to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

An Acte for the annexing of Hexham and Hexhamshire to the *Countie of Northumberlande*.

Chapter.xiij.

WHERE *for the space of diuers* yeres nowe past, the Queene her highnesse, and her most noble and dearely beloued father king Henry the eyght, kyng Edwarde the sixth her highnesse brother, Queene Marie her late sister, as in the right of the imperiall crowne of this Realme of Englande, by reason of one exchaunge had, and passed betweene the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght,

eyght, and the late reuerend father Robert Archebishop of Yorke, in the [illegible] yere of the most noble raigne of the sayd late king Henry, haue ben, and her maiestie yet is seased of and in the fraunchise and libertie of Herham and Herhamshire, lying within the body and mydle of the Countie of Northumberlande, whiche sayde libertie & territorie, when it was in the handes of the sayde Archebishop, was commonly tearmed & named a Countie Palentyne, where in right or proofe there was none suche, yet by reason of that errour, euer since, and yet, there hath ben, and are diuers opinions, besides some question and doubtes, whether the sayd libertie and territorie of Herham and Herhamshire, should and ought to be part of the sayde Countie of Northumberland, or otherwyse exempted: and whether the dwellers & inhabitours there, shoulde and ought to be iustifiable, and aunswere to iustice as other of the sayde Countie of Northumberland are, and ought, or not: and the like question and doubt yet is, and remaineth. By reason wherof, not onely Plees of the Crowne, and suites betwixt partie & partie haue suffered continuall stayes, lets, and also haue had no ende of tryall, and besides, the most & greatest offendours to the crowne & their Countrey, haue, & dayly runne thither as vnto a sanctuarie, vpon hope and trust of refuge and safegarde thereby, to the great comfort and encouragement of many, the vilest & worste subiectes and offendours in all the North parties, and to the great offence of the almightie, & most manifest hinderaunce of good execution of lawes and iustice. In and for due remedie and redresse of suche great enormities & apparante mischieues, may it therefore please the queene her Maiestie, that by her highnesse, the lordes spirituall and temporal, & the commons in this present high court of Parliament nowe assembled, that it may be enacted, manifested, and declared by aucthoritie of the same, that the sayd territorie, fraunchise, and libertie of Herham and Herhamshire, with the liberties of the same, may be, is, and shalbe from henceforth taken to be within, and part, parcell and member of the sayd Countie of Northumberlande. And that aswel the Plees of the Crowne, as also al suites betwixt partie and partie, may proceede, & haue their due ende and tryall within the sayde Countie of Northumberland, by and before the Shirife and Coroners of the sayde Shire, and also before the Justices of peace, Justices of gaole deliuerie, Justices of assise, Nisi prius, Oyer and determiner, and other officers, and eche and euery of them, as the case shal require, and take effectes as any of the like haue ben, or ought to be, which haue hapned, or shall hereafter happen within the sayd Countie of Northumberlande;

lande: and that from henceforth the Shirife and other officers of the Countie of Northumberland, for the time being, may haue full power and authoritie to execute his or their office, and al processes to him or them directed within Herham and Herhamshire, and liberties of the same, in as ample & large maner, as he or they may, should, or ought to do, within any other part of ỹ said Countie of Northumberlande, any graunt, priuilege, custome, vlage, libertie, or thing els whatsoeuer heretofore made, claymed, vled, had, put in vre or execution, or enioyed, to the contrarie not withstanding. Sauing to the Bayliffe of the liberties, or other officers of the sayde Towne of Hetham and Herhamshire, or the liberties therof, al liberties and priuileges for executing of processe, returne of wryttes, and otherwyse, as they or any of them of right ought to haue before the making of this acte.

A Table of certayne actes passed, Anno. xiiij.

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An Act for the cõtinuance of the inning of Plumsted marsh, in the Countie of Kent, beyng surrounded.

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